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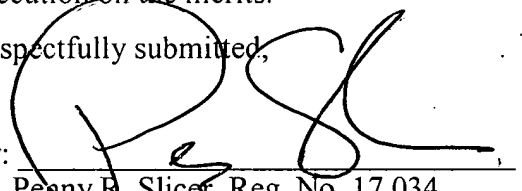
In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. As set forth in the action, Group I includes claims 1 - 20.

Applicant reserves the right to continue the prosecution of claims directed to non-elected inventions in one or more separately filed divisional patents.

In view of the foregoing election of invention, it is respectfully submitted that this application should now be in condition for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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